



HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that we're at the end of another week but good to know that it's one week closer to lockdown ending (hopefully soon)! At the time of writing this, everyone in school remains fit and well and in good spirits. Pupils are working very hard both in and out of school on their remote learning tasks. Thank you to all of our families for your continued support with this. It has been great to hear all about the timetables, exercise routines and 'chill' sessions everyone has planned to manage at this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful BMSPTCA who have this week ordered some fantastic new goal posts and nets for our school yard. This will be a lovely surprise for our pupils when they return as I know they were at the top of their 'wish' list.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe,

Lindsay Hamilton

Bubble Baking!

Each day, our 'bubble' enjoy a practical session away from their remote learning tasks. As you can see, baking is always a popular choice! This week's delicacy: shortbread.



Not sure how much shortbread made it home!



Pupil Lockdown Lowdown!

Thank you for sharing some pictures this week of what our pupils are getting up to! **Please keep them coming** – it's great to see what everyone is up to.



Here's Ethan creating some very colourful snow with his younger sister, Harper. Very artistic!



No, she's not in a swish European ski resort! This is Emma skiing in Byrness – what a fabulous PE lesson!



Some of our Y5 pupils have been developing their baking talents and have produced some very tasty treats! William has made an upside-down peach cake, while Kelsey has made rock buns, a cake and some brownies.





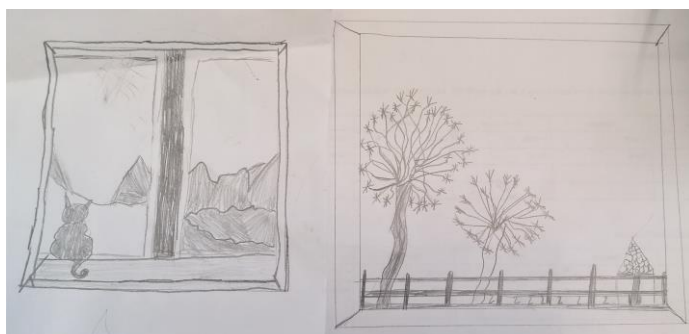
Remarkable Remote Learning!

We are thrilled that our pupils have taken to remote learning again so well, and we are so impressed with some of the work they've submitted that we had to share some examples with you.



Great colours, Jacob!

Year 5 have started their ADT introductory unit, Our Land, producing a drawing of a view from a window. Mrs Basing was very impressed with their artistic talents!



Very impressive, Maisie!



Super detail here, William!



Fantastic concentration, Zoe!



Super Scientist!

Well done to Philip in Y7 for an outstanding piece of Science work submitted this week. It was a challenging task based on researching one of several issues that affect drinking water supplies in the world. Miss Wilson was in awe with the overall high standard and the level of effort which had gone into it.



Ridiculously Rich Writing!



Well done to Elise in Y6, who has submitted some fantastic creative writing. Her verb choices are very impressive and demonstrate a great deal of thought and care. Here's a snippet:

Mr Spink marched his way slowly up the unsteady stairs, his loud feet banging on the wood. He thudded across the floor with his cane, the cane which created a warning sound for anyone nearby. After walking through endless hallways, he finally made a stop at his destination. He whacked the door with his cane. The door opened slightly, and a small child peeked out at him... Mr Spink started to laugh, a laugh that made bones rattle...

Superb! We could have read the next ten chapters, Elise!



The Dream Team!

Where would we be without our dynamic duo, Ken and Simon Irving – our fabulous testing team! They have ensured our procedures run like clockwork as well as being a great support to anyone who finds taking a COVID test uncomfortable. So far, all tests taken in school have been 'negative'. This is hugely reassuring for staff and pupils in school and we'd like to say a very big 'THANK YOU' to Ken and Simon for running this procedure for us.



Northumberland County Council have been busy updating their resources for home learning. Although these resources **should not replace** the remote learning which we are setting, they can be used to supplement our work and can be used throughout the lockdown period. There are some excellent links to websites which support different areas of the curriculum as well as ideas of different non-curriculum based things to try. There is a primary section and a secondary section which can be accessed by clicking the links below:

Primary:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/Document-store/COVID%20resources/New-Home-learning-for-KS1-and-KS2.pdf>

Secondary:

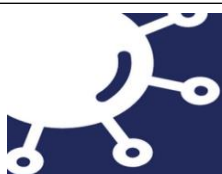
<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/Document-store/COVID%20resources/Secondary-Version-Home-learning-Pack.pdf>



During half term week, work begins internally on the building of our new school office, which will be situated directly at our front entrance. This will increase the level of supervision at our main entrance, but will also provide us with a dedicated medical area to deal with illness and accidents – something which we don't currently have.

As a result of these improvements, we have a beautiful, very large, reception desk for sale. It is in excellent condition as it has rarely been used. Do you know anyone who is looking for a desk like this? If so, ask them to get in touch and make us an offer we can't refuse!

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Covid-19 School Snapshot



Thank you

A huge thank you to our parents and carers in supporting our school right now with remote learning - you are doing a great job!

Vulnerable children and those children of critical key workers can still attend school where it is safe to do so.



w/c Monday 11 January saw a total of **7,900** children of key workers and vulnerable children in schools in Northumberland.

If you can keep your children at home please do, thank you!



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Free school meals and school transport

Students eligible for free school meals will continue to receive these whilst learning at home.

School transport for will continue for those children who need it.

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